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About the Projects

The Iona Island Wastewater Treatment Plant (IIWWTP) in Richmond, BC is being upgraded to protect public health and the environment in our growing region. The design concept for the IIWWTP projects includes tertiary wastewater treatment and a range of ecological restoration projects.

[Learn more about the projects](#)

Project Definition Update

On March 25, 2022, the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District (GVS&DD) Board approved the project definition and conceptual design for the Iona Island Wastewater Treatment Plant projects.

The projects will now move into the preliminary design phase.

To learn more:

- [Conceptual Design Report](#)
- [Conceptual Design Presentation](#)
- [Project Definition Report Summary March 2022](#)

On February 3, 2022, a [Special Meeting of the GVS&DD Board](#) was held to provide Board members and others with additional information about the IIWWTP projects. In addition, an [IIWWTP Conceptual Design backgrounder](#) was developed to provide comprehensive information about the projects and support the Special Meeting of the GVS&DD Board.

Community Engagement

Thank you to everyone who participated in project definition engagement and shared feedback with us. Your input was shared with the Board in an [engagement summary report](#) in March 2022, along with the project definition and conceptual design. Please visit the [project webpage](#) to see a list of past engagement events and meeting summaries.

Ongoing opportunities for engagement will be provided in the preliminary design phase.

Ongoing Priority Activities

Metro Vancouver is continuing to deliver on priority project activities, including:

- Removal of biosolids stockpiles at the existing treatment plant
- Geotechnical investigations
- Technical studies for ecological restoration projects
- Work to obtain required permits and approvals
- Design of a barge berth for transportation of construction materials to and from Iona Island
- Improvements to roads and upgraded electrical servicing on Sea Island and Iona Island

Visitors to Iona Island may see crews conducting field investigations or other work related to these activities. We will continue to keep you updated about what to expect on the island and in the surrounding area as the projects progress.

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